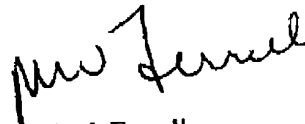


REMARKS

Receipt of the Official Action of December 31, 2001 is acknowledged with thanks. Applicant inadvertently failed to provide new Claims 56 and 57 as referred to in the response filed October 5, 2001. A new Appendix A containing clean versions of amended Claims 18 and 31, as well as new Claims 56 and 57 is submitted herewith.

If for any reason the Examiner would like to discuss this case, the Examiner is invited to call at the number listed below.

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